

## **Castletown Town Commissioners**

### **Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes**

December 3, 2018

**Present:** Mr Leather (Chairman), Mr Parnell (Vice Chairman) Messrs. Cubbon, Horton McAleer , Ludford-Brooks & Miss Quine

Also, in attendance the Town Clerk, Mr Mackenzie

The Meeting was preceded by a public presentation on the Equality Act by Mrs D Kinnish of the Cabinet Office

#### **AB/074.18 Chairman's Update**

The Chairman thanked members for attending. He did not have a great deal to report by virtue of having recently returned from holiday in Mexico which he would highly recommend.

#### **AB/075.18 Approval of minutes from Ordinary Board Meeting**

Miss Quine proposed that the minutes of the Ordinary Board Meeting dated 19<sup>th</sup> November be approved as read. This was seconded by Mr Parnell with all in favour. The minutes were duly approved.

#### **AB/076.18 Matters Arising**

Mr & Mrs Ludford-Brooks had attended the Royal Artillery event. He was saddened to see that beyond the Mayor and Mayoress of Douglas there was no other representation from local authorities.

#### **AB/077.18 Approval of Accounts**

The Clerk circulated accounts for payment.

Miss Quine proposed that the accounts be approved as detailed. This was seconded by Mr McAleer with all in favour. The accounts were duly approved.

Mr Cubbon queried the payment of the MPLC licence and asked if any films were being shown for the elder demographic in the town. It was noted that the facilities were available if any community groups wished to take advantage of them

#### **AB/078.18 Correspondence**

An invitation was received for Victoria Road School Christmas Concert. Mr Leather and Miss Quine confirmed their likely attendance.

An invitation was received for the Tynwald Carol Service. Mr Leather confirmed his attendance and Mr McAleer would also endeavour to attend.

An invitation was received for the CRHS Christmas Concert. Mr Leather, Mr Ludford-Brooks & Mr McAleer planned to attend.

### **AB/079.18                      Consultations**

The Clerk informed members of the live consultations. It was agreed that members would submit their individual views to any consultations deemed relevant via the Consultation Hub.

### **AB/080.18                      Planning Matters & Decisions**

18/01137/GB - Castle Arms - Installation of external steps suitable for ambulant disabled access to side elevation (in association with registered building application 18/01138/CON)

No Objection.

18/01194/LAW – 6 Springfield Terrace - Application for certificate of Lawful Development for the installation of windows and two roof lights

No Objection.

18/01203/B - Marine Cottage 4 Douglas Street. Installation of replacement Windows.

No Objection.

18/01204/B Department of Infrastructure Bus Stop

Mr Leather stated that he felt that The Parade must be looked at holistically as an extension of the Market Square.

Mr Ludford-Brooks proposes that the board object, but defer submission of final response pending the response to the FOI request. This was seconded by Miss Quine with all in favour.

18/01172/A - Great Meadow Approval in principle for a residential development comprising dwellings, sheltered housing, care home, community centre, parking, open space, access and associated infrastructure works, addressing means of access

Mr Ludford Brooks proposed that the Board support the proposals and was seconded by Miss Quine with all in favour. The Clerk was instructed to issue a letter of support.

**AB/081.18 Request to consider ancillary works to Riding Bowl**

Mr Cubbon thanked members for their support in his efforts to date with regard the creation of a concrete riding bowl. He stated that fundraising continued and in light of the fact that funding had now been secured for the bowl itself, he wished to look at the feasibility of including a shelter, paved path to the bowl and lighting.

He proposed that the town should seek to bring forward planning for such, so that should funding become available, matters can progress in a prompt manner. This was seconded by Mr Mcaleer with all members being in favour.

**AB/082.18 A Board Policy**

Mr Leather informed members that there had been various perceived issues with A Boards around the town, and in order that these can be managed a standard policy should be adopted.

Before instructing the Clerk to bring such forward, he wished to ensure that the board supported the concept. He was aware of the valuable role that A Board played to local businesses, particularly those in remote locations.

Mr Cubbon felt that the situation was bizarre that businesses based in Malew had Brown Tourist signs in Castletown, whereas local businesses did not.

Following discussion, the board agreed that a policy should be discussed in more detail with a view to implementation prior to Easter 2019.

**AB/083.18 Nativity**

Mr Horton had received complaints that the Nativity Scene had not been deployed. The clerk advised that he was unaware of any permission being granted to block the access to Castle Rushen as had been the case historically and an alternative location would be found.

**AB/084.18 Matters for future discussion**

- **CRHS**

The meeting closed at 20.15